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- "BUFFERS (CHEMISTRY)" IN McGRAW-HILL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, 6TH ED., VOL. 3, PP. 91-92 (1987) (4 PAGES)

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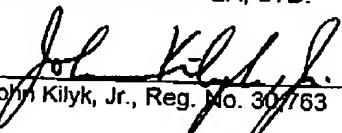
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